

REPUBLICANS OF TULSA TO PUT OUT A STRAIGHT PARTY TICKET

WEATHER REPORT

TULSA, Feb. 24.—The temperature: Maximum 52, minimum 30. North winds and clear.

FORECAST—Oklahoma: Friday and Saturday fair.

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PROSPERITY TALK

A Tulsa man with \$1,000,000 life insurance policy. The underwriters say he is one of the fifty men in the United States who carry such an amount of money on their life. That's nothing unusual for Tulsa, though.

WILSON TO UPHOLD ALL OUR RIGHTS

Peace Only With Honor Demands President

CONGRESS IS QUIET

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—President Wilson at the end of two days of agitation in congress for some action warning Americans off armed merchant ships of the European belligerents, tonight wrote Senator Stone, chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, that he could not consent to any abridgment of the rights of American citizens in any respect.

The letter follows:
"February 24, 1916. My Dear Senator: I very warmly appreciate your kind and frank letter of today and feel that it calls for an equally frank reply.
"You are right in assuming that I shall do everything in my power to keep the United States out of war. I think the country will feel no uneasiness about my course in that respect. Through many anxious months I have striven for that object, amidst difficulties more manifold than can have been apparent upon the surface and so far I have succeeded. I do not doubt that I shall continue to succeed. The course which the central European powers have announced their intention of following in the future with regard to undersea warfare seems for the moment to threaten insuperable obstacles, but its apparent meaning is so manifestly inconsistent with explicit assurances recently given us by those powers with regard to their treatment of merchant vessels on the high seas that I must believe that explanations will presently ensue which will put a different aspect upon it. We have had no reason to question their good faith or their fidelity to their promises in the past and I, for one, feel confident that we shall have none in the future.

Uphold Our Rights.
"But in any event our duty is clear. No nation or group of nations has the right while the war is in progress to alter or disregard the principles which all nations have agreed upon in mitigation of the horrors and sufferings of war, and if the clear rights of American citizens should ever unhappily be abridged or denied by any such action, we should, it seems to me, have in honor no choice as to what our own course should be.

"My own part I cannot consent to any abridgment of the right of American citizens in any respect. The honor and self-respect of the nation is involved. We covet peace and shall preserve it at any cost but the loss of honor. To forbid our people to exercise their rights for fear we might

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SANTA FE ORDERED TO REDUCE RATES

Special to The World.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The interstate commerce commission today directed the Santa Fe to establish from points on its lines in the Oklahoma wheat fields through routes and joint rates to New Orleans which shall not exceed by more than 5 cents per one hundred pounds the rates in effect from the same points to Galveston.

The Santa Fe, which serves with its own rails the wheat fields of Oklahoma and the port of Galveston, does not participate with its connections in through routes and joint rates on wheat moving to Louisiana ports for export. Traffic to those ports involves a haul over two or more lines. The corporation commission of Oklahoma and shippers in the state filed the complaint on which the commission's decision is based. The commission's order directs the establishment of joint rates on or before May 15 with the Texas & Pacific, Houston & Texas Central and other roads.

Valuable French Bulldog Loses Her Puppies, but in a Kindly Maternal Spirit Adopts Some Orphaned Kittens



BOSTON, Feb. 24.—A French Bulldog, belonging to N. J. Daily, veterinary attendant at the Angell Memorial hospital here, has adopted three orphaned kittens, which Mrs. Daily was about to put to death. The bulldog lost her puppies and discovering the kittens, immediately adopted them and began mothering them. She will be allowed to keep them.

BRING UP PAST OF LOUIS D. BRANDEIS

The Charges Arising From Legal Activities Aired at Hearing.

SULLIVAN TESTIFIES

Editor of Colliers Tells of Retention of Boston Lawyer.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Charges arising from the legal activities of Louis D. Brandeis in the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation, the fight between E. H. Harriman and Stuyvesant Fish a decade ago for control of the Illinois Central railroad and the Gillette Safety Razor company litigation occupied the attention today of the senate's judiciary subcommittee investigating Mr. Brandeis' nomination to the supreme court.

Four witnesses testified. The first, Mark Sullivan, editor of Colliers weekly, told the committee that Mr. Brandeis had been employed by Colliers to protect its interests and those of the public during the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation and that no concealment had been made of the employment. Austin G. Fox, counsel for those opposing Mr. Brandeis, charged that Mr. Brandeis was on the record as appearing for L. H. Glavis, a former land office official and a central figure in the investigation.

Waddill Catchings, formerly with the law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell of New York, testified that he sought

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BABY BURNS IN BRUSH HEAP

Mother Ran 150 Yards to Rescue, But Was Too Late to Save Child.

Special to The World.
BROKEN ARROW, Okla., Feb. 24. The 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Pulliam, four miles southwest of the city, was burned to death yesterday. Her mother was badly burned in attempting to rescue her.

Mr. Pulliam had been burning brush and the fire had died down. A little brother of the girl put brush on the coals and a brisk fire started. The girl caught fire, and her mother, 150 yards away, hurried to the rescue, her hands being badly burned in an attempt to save the child. The child died about two hours later.

Essen, Germany, Bank Fails.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Zurich says:

"The failure of an independent bank at Essen, Germany, is announced. It is believed that many of the Krupp workmen have lost their savings."

CHICAGO BROTHERS FAIL TO APPEAR AND GIVE UP \$30,000 IN BONDS

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—What probably will be the final chapter in the alleged conspiracy of Irving and Herbert Updike to murder their father and mother was written today when the brothers failed to appear for trial in the criminal court. Their bonds of \$30,000 each were forfeited and MacLay Hoyne, state's attorney, announced that he had decided to drop prosecution. He would seek to have forfeiture set aside.

Loneliness Drives Messenger Boy to End His Own Life

CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—Harold Cullis, a messenger boy at the board of trade here, found a book entitled "Facing the World" in sufficient support in his fight against loneliness and so turned on the gas in his barren room and committed suicide. His body was found by the police today.

A coroner's jury decided the boy had faced the handicap of loneliness for three months, after hearing the testimony of his mother and acquaintances. Mrs. Mabel Lurie, the mother, declared that she had, at the instigation of her second husband, the boy's stepfather, forced the boy to leave home. The book, "Facing the World," was found near the boy's body.

EDUCATORS GO TO KANSAS CITY NEXT

The City Superintendent of Schools of Chicago Is Elected President.

TALK CHILD WELFARE

The Dignified Pedagogues Would Shoot the Shoots or Bump the Bumps.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 24.—The department of superintendence of the National Educational association in convention today, decided upon Kansas City, Mo., for its 1917 convention and elected as its president John D. Shoob, city superintendent of schools of Chicago. The various other educational associations which are affiliated with the department and which have met or are meeting here this week, will also gather at Kansas City.

Round table meetings of six divisions of the superintendence department was the principal business outside of the election, disposed of today. Compulsory education and child welfare were the topics most widely discussed. C. Edward Jones, superintendent of schools at Albany, N. Y., declared that "delinquency, truancy and feeble mindedness are closely related."

Much interest was shown today in program and entertainment preparations for the annual convention of the National Education association and its affiliated departments at New York city next July. It was announced that the department will address the educators on July 4.

Announcement that one of the subcommittees of New York people in charge of the entertainment program expected to offer the delegates an afternoon's outing at Coney Island, caused merriment. Solemn educators declared they would shoot the shoots or bump the bumps with at least as much mental enthusiasm as their younger friends.

"Three schoolmaster governors" were leading speakers at the meeting tonight. They were Frank B. Willis of Ohio, Martin G. Brumbaugh of Pennsylvania, and Woodridge N. Ferris of Michigan.

Longer Hours Advocated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Thousands of government employees in the executive departments here would be required to work eight hours a day instead of the present seven by a provision in the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill as favorably reported today by a house committee. Appropriations carried by the measure total \$37,501,529, a slight increase over last year and include \$75,000 for promotion of foreign and domestic commerce.

FRENCH FORCED BY GERMANS TO RETIRE

Artillery Fire of Offenders Too Severe for the Defenders.

KAISER IS LEADING

Casualties on Both Sides Are Heavy; Teutons Aim at Verdun.

INSPIRED by the presence of their Emperor and led by Crown Prince Frederick William, the German troops are engaged in one of the greatest battles of the war on the western front, centering around the fortress of Verdun. Attack has followed attack against the French line after bombardments, incessant and terrific, continuing for several days. While the Germans have not been able, despite the rain of shells and furious onslaughts by the infantry to break the French line, nevertheless the French on their right and left wings have been compelled to withdraw their lines, respectively to the south of Ornes and behind the town of Samogneux, six miles north of the fortress.

Only between Malancourt and the left bank of the Meuse has there been any diminution in the intensity of the artillery fire. With Brabant, Haumont and Samogneux and the wooded sections north and northeast of Beaumont in their possession the Germans from the Meuse eastward to Frenoy forced the fighting seemingly regardless of the cost of life.

Casualties Heavy.
The French guns have answered the German guns shell for shell and the casualties on both sides are very great. The French official report describes the battlefield between the Meuse and Ornes as piled with German dead. In Champagne at several points and in the Argonne forest German works have been pounded by the concentrated fire of the French guns, while in Lorraine the French repulsed a German reconnoitering party that attempted to capture a French post north of Saint Martin.

On their end of the line, near Hully, the British exploded a mine and occupied the crater and also bombarded German trenches near Freilangein and Boesinghe.

On the Russian front from the Riga region to east Galicia there have been engagements at various points, but no great results have been attained by either side. In the Caucasus Petrograd reports that the Russians continue successfully to press back the Austrians and Italians on the Austro-Italian front continue.

Air Squadron Active.

A French air squadron has dropped a large number of bombs on the outskirts of Metz, a big fire being observed after the attack.

Official announcement has been made in the Japanese diet by the minister of foreign affairs that Japan does not intend to send troops to aid the Russians.

The Earl of Derby has accepted the chairmanship of the joint army and navy board which will control the British air service.

"DOLLAR DAY" BRINGS DANGER TO SHOPPERS.

AURORA, Ill., Feb. 24.—Women stormed the downtown streets today in such numbers that the police had to be called out to break up jams in which shoppers were being crushed. A semi-annual "dollar day" on which merchants sell goods of every description from shoes to suit of clothing, for \$1—was the occasion for the outpouring.

NAVAL FLEET IS ASUPREME JOKE SAYS ADMIRAL

Single Battleship Could Overcome Our Pacific Coast Ships.

EFFICIENCY FALLS OFF IN FEW YEARS

Chesapeake Bay Affords a Splendid Place for an Enemy Base.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—While the house military committee was taking steps today toward getting its bill for increasing the regular army and federalizing the national guard before the house within ten days, the naval committee was being informed by Admiral Cameron McK. Winslow that the entire Pacific fleet which he commands might be an easy victim for a single good enemy battleship.

Admiral Winslow made the statement smilingly. Pressed by Representative Stephens of California for an exact description of the condition of the ships under his command, he said the force was wholly inadequate, even with all its reserves called out, to meet any probable enemy in the Pacific. What plans the navy department has for meeting an emergency there or in the Atlantic, however, he said, were matters of strategy which he did not care to reveal except in confidential session.

Further light on the war department's plans for additional coast defenses was given today when many of Brig. Gen. William Crozier, chief of army ordnance, before the fortifications committee, became available. The committee has had no open hearings.

The heaviest new fortifications, General Crozier said, will be placed at the mouth of Chesapeake bay, which he described as one of the several places where "facilities for land operations are so good that it is worth while to especially fortify them to prevent that operation."

At other points such as Rockaway Beach, New York and San Francisco he said 16-inch guns mounted in turrets would be added to the batteries. Of Chesapeake bay the general added:

"We have Norfolk defended at Fort Monroe, Washington, very much over-defended, and Baltimore defended. But they could come into Chesapeake bay and establish a base along that shore, then send an army in any direction. There are few such points as that."

Charleston, S. C., and New Orleans might be damaged by long-range fleet fire, he said, and 12-inch guns with high angle fire giving them a range

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AVERT STRIKE BY GOVERNOR'S DECREE

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, Feb. 24.—By the action of Governor Heriberto Jara in issuing a decree against strikes, the general stoppage of work by all classes of wage earners which has been set for this morning has been averted for the present.

The governor has appointed various committees to receive and investigate the demands of the workmen, the committee awards to be arbitrary and final. On the question of the currency in which wages shall be paid, Governor Jara has indicated a firm intention not to agree to demands of a clerical position to be recompensed on a Mexican gold basis.

There is evidence in the various labor circles of dissatisfaction with the governor's action, but it is believed that they will still definitely refuse on their part under present conditions to take the course outlined by the military authority and present their claims for study and decision.

GOOD PROGRAM AT KENDALL TONIGHT

FORT SMITH, Ark., Feb. 24.—The Arkansas letter highway association was organized here today with the purpose of building a road through the western part of the state and offering it as a link of the national Jefferson highway, extending from New Orleans to Canada. A resolution was adopted by the convention proposing that the road be built from Missouri to the Louisiana state line under the Alexander road act, a measure passed by the late Arkansas legislature creating improvement districts with power to float bonds.

The following officers were elected: President, L. R. Putnam, Fayetteville; secretary, Fred Reutzel, Fort Smith; treasurer, C. C. Graves, Mansfield.

Hod Carrier Killed

OKLAHOMA CITY, Feb. 24.—The first fatal accident in the construction of the new state capitol building was that of today when Robert Downs, hod carrier, was struck upon the head by an elevator and instantly killed. The elevator was descending and after Downs had been hit his body fell into the elevator and was carried to the ground. He leaves a wife and seven children.

MORE FORD DOVES BACK IN NEW YORK

Unable to Stop the War, Bosses of Europe They Come Home; Has Cost \$100,000 So Far

NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Eight more delegates who went to Europe as members of Henry Ford's peace expedition last December arrived here today on the Holland-American liner Nieuw Amsterdam. Mr. Ford went down the bay on a cutter and met the ship at quarantine. Gaston Plantiff, his business representative after Mr. Ford himself left the party to return to America, stated today that the expedition had thus far cost his employer \$100,000 and that his peace efforts are to be continued through delegates who remained in Europe. A statement issued by Doctor Jenkin Lloyd Jones of Chicago, one of the returning delegates, said that while members of the party admitted the crudities and incoherencies of the experiment because "the company was hastily gathered and therefore poorly organized." Yet a very definite impression was made in at least four of the neutral countries, a wide dissemination of the principles of peace being promoted, pacifist workers everywhere stimulated, and "cheer and hopefulness" carried to the men in the trenches.

GOING AFTER THE LAND SWINDLERS

County Attorney Evers Determined to Prosecute Vigorously.

TRIALS ARE TODAY

Defendants Are Accused of Trading Worthless Kentucky Property.

County Attorney J. P. Evers said yesterday that the state will use a written statement in Judge Daniel's court this morning from Beecher Stapleton, county clerk of Johnson county, Kentucky, as the trump card in the prosecution of several Tulsa real estate dealers on charges of selling and exchanging worthless deeds for land in the Alexander Walcott grant.

Stapleton arrived here yesterday and an effort was made to bring the cases to trial at once, but owing to continuances that had previously been agreed upon this could not be arranged.

The cases attracted wide attention a few weeks ago when several informants were sworn out charging Harry White, R. G. Burns and R. L. Leach with selling worthless lands. The men were arrested but released on bond.

There are four cases now pending. H. G. Burns and Harry White are charged with giving a worthless deed for 160 acres of Kentucky lands in exchange for the Central hotel at Oilton. The information was signed by Mrs. Ida Butler.

In Several Deals

Others who were induced to exchange valuable property for the worthless deeds are J. L. Shue of this city, who traded a farm in Union county, New Mexico; Samuel Botter of Tulsa, who traded one hundred and sixty acres of good land in Chavus county, New Mexico, and C. M. Murray, who was induced to exchange a new automobile for a deed to some of the land, and W. E. Rogers, who traded a half interest in the Princess confectionery store in the postoffice block for a deed for 329 acres.

The real estate men admit they made the deals but claim they did not know the titles were not clear. The Walcott grant comprises some six hundred acres of land in Johnson county, Kentucky. It was not until 1851 declared that Walcott was not entitled to the land.

Stapleton said yesterday that people in all parts of the United States have been "stung" on this land by the same methods that were used here. He will make a statement regarding the title of the grant today and this will be introduced when the trials are brought up.

SENATE TO CONFIRM APPOINTMENT TODAY

Lacked Three Votes of Quorum Yesterday and Fletcher Was Not Granted Ambassadorship.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Only the lack of a quorum prevented confirmation in the senate today of the nomination of Henry Prather Fletcher as ambassador to the de facto government of Mexico. On a motion to confirm the nomination 34 affirmative votes and 12 in the negative. This was three short of a quorum and the senate adjourned to take up the nomination tomorrow for a final vote.

The senate reached a vote on the nomination of Mr. Fletcher after less than an hour's debate. Opposition speeches were made by Senators Borah, Smith of Michigan and Fall of New Mexico, all of whom declared that to commit the senate to the nomination of Mr. Fletcher would be to recognize the recognition of the Carranza government. To this they were vigorously opposed, because they did not believe in the reported stability of the de facto government. This position was taken by Mr. Fletcher personally. Administration senators said tonight that the nomination would be confirmed without difficulty tomorrow.

FACTIONS ARE WIPED OUT AT G. D. P. MEETING

Tulsa County Republican Club Organized at Monday Session.

A STRAIGHT TICKET IN CITY CAMPAIGN

Precinct Organization to Be Perfected Next Monday Night.

EIGHT hundred Republicans, assembled in mass meeting at the courthouse last night, voted unanimously and with much enthusiasm to put a straight party ticket in the field for the coming city election.

The Tulsa County Republican club was organized, with A. A. Small as president and Frank Nowicki as secretary, and it was decided to hold another meeting at the same place next Monday night at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of electing precinct committeemen and organizing in full force for the coming campaign. The young Republicans of the city will be the dominant factor in this meeting, and members will be named to manage here are especially urged to be present. This includes several hundred Tulsa party men who have moved to Tulsa since the last election.

Plenty of "Pop."

At the close of last night's meeting, which was attended by a crowd that filled the large district courtroom to the doors, the chairman jumped to a table, declared the city campaign on in earnest, waved a silk American flag and called for three cheers, which were given with such gusto that the commotion was heard for many blocks.

Speeches were made by a number of well-known Republicans of the city. No prospective candidates for office were mentioned, and it was practically decided to select the best men for the various offices and insist upon them making the race.

A committee was appointed to arrange for the meeting next Monday night. It consists of Glenn Condon, chairman; F. O. Cavitt, J. C. Letcher, P. L. Price and Jay Stevenson. Everyone who is interested in the success of the Republican ticket is asked to be present at this meeting. The city campaign, as well as a chairman, treasurer and secretary of the organization. It is planned to perfect the most effective organization that ever backed a Republican ticket in Tulsa.

"Yaller Dogs."

J. W. McNeal, who addressed the assembly, declared that he would not support a rascal on the Republican ticket. The statement brought forth prolonged applause and cheers.

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ENGINEER KILLED AND TWO ARE HURT

Locomotive Leaves Track and Kills One; Fireman Seriously Injured.

Special to The World.
AFTON, Okla., Feb. 24.—William Tull, engineer, was almost instantly killed and "Blackie" Willford, fireman, was seriously injured early yesterday morning when the engine in which they were working left the tracks and rolled several feet down an embankment. Both men lived here and were employees of the Frisco.

The engine was backing on a switching line when it left the rails. It ran for several feet off the ground and then turned over and rolled down the embankment. The cause of the accident was not known. Tull was caught under the engine and escaping steam and boiling water caused almost instant death.

Willford had both his hands badly crushed and other minor injuries. Sam Anderson, brakeman, was thrown from the engine by the engine, but was not badly hurt. The engineer, who was about 40 years old, had been an employee of the Frisco for many years. Traffic was delayed in the local yards for several hours.

GERMAN SHIPS ARE SEIZED

But Portuguese Officials Take Pains to Explain to Kaiser.

LISBON, Feb. 24.—Via Paris, 445 p. m.—The official Gazette publishes the decree under which 36 German and Austrian merchant ships lying in the Tagus river were seized by the commander of the naval division here yesterday.

It appears that the seizure was under a law passed by parliament on February 7. The premier in an interview affirms that the seizure is not an act of war but simply a measure in the public interests.

The Portuguese minister in Berlin has been instructed to explain to the German government the significance of the seizures and give assurances that the rights of the owners will be respected.

Portuguese crews have been placed on board the ships seized.